

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

Parker-Bennett House Waterford, Virginia

I. History of Existing Dwelling

The Parker-Bennett House is located on the west side of Second Street in the town of Waterford, Virginia. The residence originally consisted of two separate buildings, with a common party wall. The southern section was first built in 1835 and the northern section followed in about 1848. The two dwellings remained physically separate until 1959, when a pass-through the party wall was made during a restoration. Two major additions have been made to the rear of the property. The first, known as the West Wing, erected in 1976 consists of the living room and a master bedroom above. The second addition, a family room was added in 1988.

II. Proposed Exterior Changes

An entry portico is proposed for the main entrance to the house.

III. Reason for Proposed Portico

To provide shelter and protection from the elements while entering or leaving the residence.

IV. Appropriateness of Proposed Entry Portico

Shelter from the storm has a long history in Waterford. Of the ninety-six residences in Waterford, there are twelve residences with entry porticos. Of the seventeen non-residential structures there are an additional four porticos above their entries. Though they are not as popular as porches, which number thirty-nine on residences in the village.

The proposed entry portico shares details with many of those in the village. It is supported by four square wood columns that will rest on the existing brick paving. The standing seam metal hip roof will sit on an entablature that mimics that of the house cornice, with a soffit, fascia, frieze and crown mouldings.

The plans included with this application for a certificate of appropriateness were submitted and approved by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the easement holder of the Parker-Bennett house. A copy of their approval letter is enclosed.

